

The second benefit performance in aid of the Actors' Fund will take place this afternoon at the Grand Opera House, beginning at 1 o'clock. Among the many well-known actors and companies who will take part are: Edward Harrigan and his company in "Pete"; Lew Dockstader, Henry Irving and company in "Jungle"; Mrs. Potter in a recitation, Joseph Jefferson and company in "The Rivals," the McCand Opera company and Harry Kennedy and Mr. Thomas Ryan of Forty Fours.

date Brothers' Employees' Mutual Aid Society was held last evening at Fernandi's Hall, Third avenue, corner of Fifty-fifth street. The programme consisted of songs by Levy's orchestra, and songs and recitations by performers, with a few exceptions, were all members of the society. The entertainment was followed by dancing. The society numbers 250. Five dollars a week is paid to sick members and \$25 is given in case of death. The fund of the society amounts to \$1,700.

Strange Disease in Brooklyn.

Two children of Daniel O'Brien, a compositor, of 108 Fifth avenue, died lately of some obscure and mysterious disease, which has baffled the skill of the physicians to define or explain, and another child is now affected in a somewhat similar manner. An autopsy on one of the dead children did not reveal the cause of death, but showed that the veins of the stomach were much congested. The contents of the stomach were handed to a physician for chemical analysis, which has not yet been completed.

Practice Makes Perfect.
Young Mr. Sissy (sipping his wine with blasé air)—I really don't care. Aw—much for you, Miss Gushington. Do you?
Miss Gushington—Oh, yes, I am very fond of champagne. Mr. Sissy, you would like it better after you had used to it.

The Boy Pianist to Play Again.
The second concert of the boy pianist, Hermann, will be given this afternoon at 2 o'clock in the Metropolitan Opera House. The programme includes several numbers which will display to the full the wonderful virtuosity and accomplishments of the remarkable lad.

SIoux CITY, Nov. 30.—The defence in the Haddock murder case closed its evidence to-day. Grauda, one of the defendants, made many admissions that were very damaging to the defence. John Anderson, who is now on trial, took the stand and tried to account for his whereabouts on the night of the murder. His attempted alibi now is a contradiction of his attempted alibi on the first trial.

between Thirtieth and Thirty-first streets, this evening at eight o'clock, and well known speakers have been invited to make addresses.

In Aid of Patriot Breslin's Family.

Friends of the late John J. Breslin, the Irish patriot, are starting a fund for the benefit of his family. A considerable sum of money has been already promised.